The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : என்னுடைய பதிலில் அதைத் தான் குறிப்பிட்டேன். ஸ்லம் ஆக்டை திருத்துவதற்குச் சட்டம் தயாராகிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது. அதைப் போல ஒரு விரிவான சட்டம் "ஸ்லம் இம்ப்ரூவ்மெண்டு, க்ளியரன்ஸ்" முதலியவைகளைப்பற்றி தயார் செய்து கொண்டிருக்கிறோம். இதைத் தவிர "லாண்டு அக்விஸிஷன் ஆக்டை" திருத்துவதற்கு யோசனை இருக்கிறது.

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* 311 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI (on behalf of Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN) : கனம் ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபன அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) முனிசிபல் தேர்தல் நடைபெறும் இந்த சமய்த்தில் புதியதாக ஓட்டர்களை பதிவு செய்யப்படுவது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ?

(ஆ) ஆம், என்றால், சர்க்கார் அதற்கான என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துள்ளார்கள் ?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) As no time limit can be fixed to restrict the enrolment of names either in the Assembly or Municipal rolls, no action is possible.

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that this matter was taken up to the court and if so, what is the decision of the court?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : A separate question may be put.

* 312 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI (on behalf of Sri A. GOVINDASAMY) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether enlisting of voters is allowed after the declaration of the validation of nomination papers for coming municipal elections;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation about the new enlistment of voters in Vellore and Coimbatore; and

(*c*) whether the voters will be entitled to vote in the coming Municipal elections?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Under the orders in force, no time-limit can be fixed to restrict the inclusion of names either in Assembly or in municipal electoral rolls.

(*b*) No, Sir.

(c) The fact that a person's name is found in the Assembly roll does not automatically entitle him to vote in the municipal elections, if it is not found in the municipal rolls. The amendment issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of the Assembly constituency should be published by the Municipal Election Officer, as an amendment to the roll of the municipality and only after such an amendment is published the voter will be qualified to vote in the municipal elections.

* 313 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI (on behalf of SRI A. GOVINDASAMY): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of recognized State Political Parties and the symbols allotted to the candidates belonging to those parties for the ensuing municipal elections;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the symbols reserved for candidates belonging to scheduled castes and ladies has been wrongly allotted for general seats candidates in Pollachi, Coimbatore and Vellore; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to rectify this mistake before this municipal elections take place?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON:

(*a*) *Name of State Political Party—Symbol.*

1. Dravida Munetra Khazagam—Rising sun.
2. Indian National Democratic Congress—Elephant.

(*b*) & (*c*) No, Sir.

No written representations have been received by Government in the matter. Symbols are not reserved exclusively for scheduled castes and women. In a ward in a municipality where there is a reserved seat in addition to a non-reserved seat, a party can set up two candidates one of whom will be qualified for the reserved seat. The symbol already assigned to the party will be given to both the official candidates of the party, the first candidate being assigned the bare symbol and the second candidate the symbol enclosed in a circle. The question of rectification of defects does not therefore arise.

Gardens in Merattunilai, Tirumayam taluk

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member, Sri V. Arunachala Thevar, is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the official proceedings.